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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD




2nd Annual Independence Parade enjoyed by the community

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Main Street in New Castle started filling up with people an hour before the parade started.

Families shopped in Family Dollar, and many enjoyed the country store layout and items offered in The Emporium. The Masons Lodge had lemonade and there were goodies being sold at the Hotel, as well as a meal for those who wished to relax and eat after the parade.

Kids were waving their flags, and many



This year's winner was local Craig Valley VFW Post #4491, which also won last year's trophy. The float was a rendering of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jema.

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PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING
The 2nd Annual Independence Day parade started with the Grand Marshall, the recently retired superintendent, Jeanette Warwick, followed by the Mayor Lenny McDonald and many other decorated vehicles.



COURTESY PHOTO
The groundbreaking for the Craig County Farmers Market has many Craig residents excited. From left: A T-Mobile representative Mac Hobbs, Craig County Supervisor Jason Matyas, farmer Ty Walker, Economic Development Authority chairman Jordan Labiosa and New Castle Town Councilman Ed Lee. The two children are Gratton Walker, age 3, and Eve Walker, age 5.

Farmers market closer to become a reality with T-Mobile grant

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Craig County is known for its mountains and sprawling farmland and because of this, community members are very excited to hear that a farmer's market will be opening for them to sell their produce.

"This project addresses a critical need in our community by enhancing access to fresh, locally produced food for our residents while creating economic opportunity for our farmers and small businesses," shared Jesse Spence, Craig County Board of Supervisors chairman.

The good news from Dan Collins, the county administrator, is that all the funding from local sources has been approved.

Phase I includes:

• AFID Grant	\$ 50,000
• T-Mobil Grant	\$ 50,000
• County of Craig	\$ 25,000
• Town of New Castle	\$ 25,000
• EDA	\$ 12,500
• Tourism	\$ 12,500
• Total	\$175,000

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1st Alumni Softball Tournament deemed a 'homerun'



The 1st Alumni Softball Tournament was a homerun, according to many who played and attended. The organizers of the tournament, Leah Hale, Sheri Sloss and Heather Stover, agreed that it seemed everyone had a grand time, winners or not.



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING
The ladies who took the win were the red Fireballs, winning the last game eight runs to five.

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Paint Bank VFD Independence Day celebration

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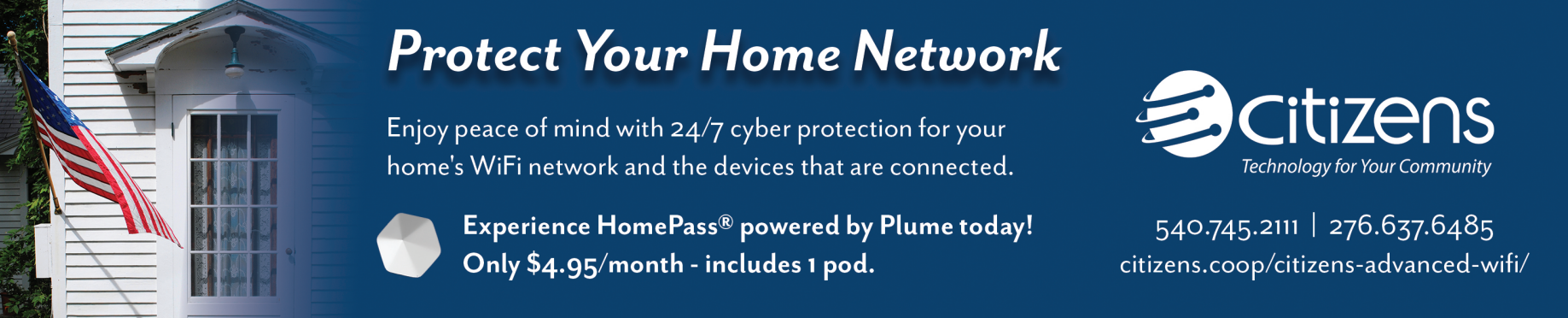
The Paint Bank Volunteer Fire Department has enjoyed the Independence Day celebration for over 30 years and this year was no different, as volunteers, community members and the ladies auxiliary all pitched in to make it another success.

On Tuesday, July 4, about 300 people or more drove into the field at the fire department, ready to enjoy a chicken and ham



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING
The annual Paint Bank Volunteer Fire Department Independence Day celebration brings people together from surrounding counties as they lined up before noon and the line continued for the next hour as more kept driving in to enjoy the \$10 meal.

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Parade

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Marshall, Carson and Madi displayed their flags with patriotic vigor at the parade.

were adorned in their red, white and blue to honor the holiday.

At the Craig County Fairgrounds, myriads of community members showed up to participate in the event.

Hundreds of people lined Route 311 from the fairgrounds to Main Street.

The Daughters of the American Revolution who sponsored the event were "tickled pink" at the huge support of the participants and the spectators.

Emcees, Tim Leftwich and David Givens, provided lively commentary and patriotic music during the parade on Route 311 and on Main Street.

The long parade line lasted about 30 minutes, starting with the Grand Marshall, the retired superintendent of Craig County Public Schools, Jeanette Warwick.

She was followed by New Castle's new mayor, Lenny McDonald.

There were floats, vintage vehicles as well as newer models, the Kazim train, people on motorcycles, 4-wheelers, bicycles, a tractor, boats, as well as many walking.

The local fire departments and rescue

squads made the kids squeal with delight as each filled the air with siren sounds.

Some were handing out candies and patriotic pinwheels. The DAR ladies handed out tea bags, as their float was "The Boston Tea Party was no party." There were also "winner" tags on some of the tea bags where people could take them to the DAR stand and receive prizes.

The Most Patriotic winner this year was last year's winner as well, the local Craig Valley VFW Post #4491, with their rendition of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, a very emotional time for the USA.

The Dunbar family won the children's Most Patriotic entry, as they also won last year.

Many others decked their vehicles out with patriotic colors; however, another mindful float was that of the Craig County Historical Society. It was simple yet profound. A military person was kneeled on one knee, with a folded flag on her lap and in front of her was the standing rifle and helmet against a white cross and the combat boots positioned at the bottom. The sign said,



The Craig County Historical Society displayed the honoring of the fallen soldiers.



The Daughters of the American Revolution depicted the Boston Tea Party, adding to their float, The Boston Tea party was no party.



The Dunbar kids took first place again this year with their depiction of the Statue of Liberty, and patriotic men and women.

"Freedom is never free."

Though the parade was over, many continued to enjoy the fellowship of others on Main Street.

"This was a day that we need to continue to teach our children to respect and honor," one resident shared. "It's our history as Americans and it is great that it brings us together like this in such a welcoming atmosphere."



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

Richard Dudding and Laura Janelle showed respect with the laying of the flag, showing that no soldier should ever be forgotten.

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"Using the State of Virginia contract services, we have a Construction Quote of \$149,701.02 for Phase I of the Farmers Market Project," Collins reported. "Construction should start the last week of July and since the State met the procurement requirements, we don't have to seek bids for the project."

Collins added, "We submitted the AFID Infrastructure Grant Program (\$50,000) Application and the T-Mobil Grant (\$50,000) grant for the Farmers Market was awarded last week. The AFID Grant award (\$50,000) should be announced this month."

"We know that in today's economy every dollar counts, so T-Mobile is focused on supporting the communities we serve, and this is just one more way we can help!" Roni Singleton, from T-Mobile, said. "As a T-Mobile Hometown grant recipient, New Castle will receive this grant help build a covered colonnade pavilion at the Craig County Farmers Market, for local merchants and farmers to sell goods, and for the community to use as an entertainment venue and gathering space. It is our hope that the \$50,000 grant will help New Castle jumpstart this important community project and re-energize the town and build upon what makes them unique."

There are few stipulations for a county to qualify, as the T-Mobile Hometown Grants program funds projects to "build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in a town."

Singleton added, "Projects should be shovel-ready, physical builds or improvements that can be completed within 12 months of receiving Hometown Grants funding. Examples of eligible projects include adaptive uses of older and historic buildings into community gathering spaces, improvements to outdoor parks or trails, and technology projects for the public library."

Craig County said that it is thankful to T-Mobile and their partners with Main Street America and Smart Growth America, two organizations with extensive experience in developing vibrant and prosperous small towns and rural communities to select recipients.

"Together, we determine the grant recipients based on detail and fullness of the submission, community impact, viability of the project among other factors," Singleton said.

"The Craig County Farmers Market will serve as a catalyst for economic growth, attracting visitors and creating job opportunities within our community. It will showcase the diversity and richness of our local producers and provide a unique shopping experience for residents and visitors alike," C. Jordan Labiosa said.

T-Mobile was first introduced as a major internet supporter during the COVID pandemic.

Though Craig County has a population of less than 5,000, internet service is a major factor in a family's everyday lives, whether for work, play or socialization.



COURTESY IMAGE

The current rendering of the proposed new farmers market coming to Main Street in New Castle.

Internet service in Craig until that time was spotty in most areas.

Labiosa needed internet service when his employer closed their office, and he was expected to work from home. However, Labiosa's home in Craig County wasn't the 'connected internet land' that others had in Roanoke, so he became the catalyst of bringing 5G from T-Mobile in.

Trace Bellasai also was integral in assisting Labiosa and was chairman of the Broadband Committee.

"T-Mobile already had phone service, from a tower near the courthouse in New Castle," Bellasai had shared, "It was just that they were enabling the home internet, so that's why they were able to move really quickly."

Now, to add to the momentum, this internet service allowed Craig County to also be eligible for a T-Mobile grant, which Craig recently received to help the establishment of a new farmers market on Main Street.

Craig County now has a service provider, BroadbandNow.com and it is stated that, "92.6% of Craig's population now has broadband access. That's not only high, but it's also slightly higher than the state average of 91.2%."

Labiosa is grateful as it also helped him to reach out in his job opportunity, and he is now the marketing director for a Nashville-based mental health company.

He shared previously, "I couldn't have done that without T-Mobile." It has also helped others to obtain jobs, working from home, as well as families being able to access internet services when beforehand it was either not available in their area or very poor connection.

Labiosa has been a forerunner in Craig for a number of years now, pursuing the political side of life and bringing new ideas to Craig County.

He is currently Craig's representative for the Economic Development Authority and the Republican nominee for the Craig City District seat on the Craig County Board of Supervisors.

"T-Mobile has been an amazing corporate partner

with our community. When they partnered with our Broadband committee to bring us wireless 5G services while they were still in Beta testing, it added another internet option for many of our citizens," shared Mayor Lenny McDonald. "And again, they have partnered with us on making New Castle a better place for residents. We now can move forward with a long-planned project, our Farmers Market!"

Jason Matyas was happy to hear about the proposed farmers market becoming a reality. Matyas is on the Craig County Board of Supervisors and is also a farmer himself.

He shared, "A lot of people here produce food on a small scale. A lot of those people will produce more than they consume and have extra to share with the community."

Many people responded to the news on Facebook with excitement and anticipation, not only to buy items from local community members but also to have an opportunity to sell their own items and have an income from this great new venture.

Charlotte Rock shared, "I am really happy about it as it will be just around the corner from me."

Though it will still take few months, the goal is to have it set up this fall, so everyone can look forward to this possibility and get their farming fingers moving in their gardens, whether fruits, vegetables or flowers.

"The new farmers market will enable our local producers to earn fair prices for their produce while connecting them directly with consumers. This direct interaction will not only enhance the quality and freshness of the food that our community consumes but also build stronger community ties," McDonald said. "T-Mobile has given us this hometown grant so we could provide an opportunity for our local farmers. This Farmers Market will also provide a place where we can gather together, as a community, and get to know our neighbors and enjoy their products and efforts."

He added, "T-Mobile has made an investment in our community that should pay dividends to us for years to come."

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The food is prepared, served hot and there are multiple choices of sides and desserts that please everyone's taste buds.

dinner, as well as much fellowship.

Though it did not start until noon, many had their "spots" already set up by 11 a.m. The shade trees were the favorite sitting places.

Happy chatter was heard throughout the day, with much laughter in between.

Raffles were available for a two night get-a-way stay at the Fox Hill Cabin in Paint and for a Ruger American Predator Rifle. Cindy Carter, of White Sulphur Springs, won the two-night stay and Dewey Taylor won the gun.

They bought the gun; however, the Buffalo Farm donated the overnight stay.

The volunteers were busy preparing the meals, arranging the set up and at noon the call was made to come eat.

However, at 11:30 a.m., people had already started standing in line.

The National Anthem was played, and a prayer given over the food and the people, and then the line started moving as ladies happily dished out whatever the person requested onto their plates.

The meat choices were chicken or ham and there was an abundant choice of

sides and desserts. A drink was included with the \$10 meal. All the sides were homemade and the desserts as well.

The tables that were set up were quickly filled, while others went upstairs to the air-conditioned area. Still, many families went to their personal areas they had set up to eat at.

After everyone was filled, the auctioneers started setting up the auction items.

Community members as well as many businesses had donated items to help the VFD raise funds.

The auctioneers, Darrell Fisher, Alvin Hodge and Wanda Looney, all donated their time and equipment for the day's event. Justin Dudding also helped, as well as quite a few kids near the end, to speed up the auction, as they had so many items donated. Ann Fisher recorded all the bidders in, and a card was given to each and the Ladies auxiliary set up the pay station.

The volunteers stated that they were happy to volunteer their time and help with the annual fundraiser.

"It was good food, a great time and a great

cause!" Fisher said. "The PBVFD depends on this fundraiser every July 4 to help with their expenses. They can always use extra hands preparing the food and getting donations for the auction (if anyone wishes to help for next year.)"

During the auction, Looney had the kids smile, make faces, etc. encouraging the bidders to go a little higher for the kids' sake. It worked as her bids continued to go higher.

Roger Clarkson has been with the fire department since about 1969.

This year he picked up 300 pieces of chicken and four hams at Food Country in New Castle. This was their first year in buying from Food Country.

"The VFD buys the meats and drinks and rolls and our community members and auxiliary and members bring the sides and desserts," Sue Kreisa shared. "We had about 250-300 people to buy dinners this year, I believe.

Years ago, they used to have between 300-400 people.

Kreisa is a longtime member of the ladies auxiliary and was one of the women who took the money for the meals.



The annual auction was a great success this year, as auctioneers Darrell Fisher, Alvin Hodge and Wanda Looney donated their time and equipment, while making the day fun and energizing, bringing in about \$4,000 for the department.

She was asked if she even got to eat and she replied, "Oh, those ladies know what I like and at the end they fix me a plate. They know I like anything chocolate!"

She added with a giggle and a smile, "I am a chocoholic!"

They also auctioned any leftover cakes and pies, which brought in some good funds. Any leftover meats or sides were also sold individually.

Kreisa noted that they received some good donations this year including small appliances and that there were a few ladies that did exceptionally well in getting them, organizing the event and in cleaning.

"We had some ladies that spent a lot of time in Covington getting donations!" she added.

The PBVFD shared that they were very thankful to all the businesses, community members and VFD members for their generous donations.

"That is what made it successful!" Clarkson exclaimed. "I think the auction turned out good and I think we made about \$4000 on it."

He added, "However, last year we set a record of most ever made. I don't think we beat that record, but we had a



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

There is one position that keeps busy the entire time and that is washing the dishes and pans that come through, as well as the serving trays. All the volunteers did this with smiles and sweet hospitality.

good crowd this year."

"It's our tradition to do the Independence Day fundraiser," Clarkson said. "We are better off now than 10 years ago."

"We really appreciate the general public for supporting us and all the volunteers for doing the work as it takes a lot," he said. "The auctioneers did an excellent job and had great equipment."

He added that the

October apple butter making is their other large fundraiser.

"It's the first weekend in October," Clarkson said. "The first morning we peel, cut up and the next morning, the men start the fire, and we cook the apples until about 3 or 4pm during which time we are continually stirring it. It is a three-day event, and we invite everyone to purchase some."

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PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

The guys who played the last championship game for the win both posed. When asked that the winning team give a thumbs up, they did, however, so did one guy on the opposing team. It showed the sportsmanship and the plain all-American fun that everyone had that day.



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Help Wanted - General

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA, JR.
 The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE. It is ORDERED that the CREDITORS OF, AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED, IN THE ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA, JR., so show cause, if they can, on the 26th day of July, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr. deceased, to the legatees entitled thereto under the Last Will and Testament of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr., without requiring bonds, subject only to the retention by the Executor of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration.
 JUNE 29, 2023. Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication
 Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CR23007031-00**

RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141
 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DAVID FERRARO v. MERCEDES FERRARO The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MERCEDES FERRARO appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 24, 2023. JUNE 26, 2023 MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316 Case No. JJ004181-01-03 RADFORD J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re VELAZQUEZ, DAMIAN XALVADOR, MADRID, ANGEL RAMOS v. ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE The object of this suit is to: AMEND CUSTODY ORDER AND HAVE A SHOW CAUSE ISSUED. It is ORDERED that the defendant ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 8/11/2023, 3:30 PM. 7/05/2023 SALLY DAVIS, CLERK

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

In re Last Will and Testament of Hywyn Russell Owen Churchill dated July 12, 1997, Petition to Establish Holographic Will and to Qualify Executor
 Case No. CL22006832-00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is proper under Va. Code 8.01-316(A)(1). An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown. Upon consideration, This Order of

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Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July, 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause.
 Entered: 6/2/2023
 Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK CIRCUIT COURT, RADFORD, VA.
 Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023.
 Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner 323 Second Street SE #700 Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 977-2569

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 12, 2023
 City of Radford
 10 Robertson Street
 Radford, Virginia 24141
 (540) 267-3188
 These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities undertaken by the City of Radford, Virginia.
 REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 31, 2023 the City of Radford will submit a request to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake a project known as East Main Street River and Rail Downtown Connector for the purpose of connecting the downtown area with the river and spur economic growth in the area via parking, pedestrian safety, lighting, and wayfinding improvements. The estimated total funding for this project is \$2,400,000, of which \$150,000 will be Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Radford has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at New River Valley Regional Commission at 6580 Valley Center Dr. Radford, VA 24141, where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM. The Environmental Review Record can also be viewed on the City of Radford's website at https://www.radfordva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to City Radford, Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141 or by email to Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov. All comments received by July 27, 2023 will be considered by Radford City prior to authorizing the submission of a request for the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Radford certifies to HUD that David Ridpath, in his capacity of City Administrator, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows

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the CDBG entitlement grant to use program funds.
 OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, 600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-1800, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division or by email at CPDRROFRIC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4881, to verify the actual last day of the objection period. David Ridpath, City Manager City of Radford

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- The request of Brittany M. Haddox, contract purchaser, and Juilliard Enterprises, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1201-1203 Texas Street (Tax Map # 149 - 1 - 1.1) from HBD, Highway Business District with conditions to HBD, Highway Business District without conditions.

Salem City Council will consider adoption of the ordinance associated with the above item on first reading, with a second reading of the ordinance at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CA23-04, CA23-05** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM **CRYSTAL YVONNE TERRY**, petitioner **IN RE:** Children to be known as: **Landon Jordan Pierce** Birth certificate:145-16-074993 DOB: 9/21/2016 And **Lukas Wayne Pierce** Birth certificate:145-16-074992 DOB: 9/21/2016

The object of this suit is to:

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Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott Pierce and Lucas Roman Wayne Pierce and change their names to Landon Jordan Pierce and Lukas Wayne Pierce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the biological parent, Stephanie Marie Hudgins, cannot be found and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the address of Stephanie Marie Hudgins, for service purposes. It is ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the SALEM TIMES REGISTER, 1633 W. Main Street, Salem, Virginia 24153. It is further ORDERED that Stephanie Marie Hudgins appear at the above named court located at 2 E. Calhoun Street, Salem Virginia on or before August 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Entered this day 28th day of June, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

THE BURG RESTO-BAR CORPORATION, trading as THE BURG RESTO-BAR, 204 DRAPER RD NW, BLACKSBURG, VA.24060.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for RETAIL RESTAURANT OR CATERER APPLICATION- RESTURANT, WINE, BEER, MIXED BEVERAGES, CONSUMED ON AND OFF PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

VICTOR JIMENEZ V. PRESIDENT

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

VALLEY SPORTS AND SPINE CLINIC / DR. ETHAN COLLIVER

Dr. Ethan Colliver will be closing Colliver Sports & Spine, Inc. (also doing business as Valley Sports & Spine Clinic) and dissolving the corporation effective July 31, 2023.

Contact the office at (540) 443-3832 or info@valleysportsandspine.com to obtain or transfer your medical records. A reasonable cost-based fee will apply for print or copy.

If you believe you have a claim against the corporation, you may deliver written notice including a description of your potential claim to: Valley Sports and Spine Clinic, 909 University Blvd, PO Box 11417, Blacksburg, VA 24062. Claims against a dissolved corporation are barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced prior to the earlier of: (i) the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations; or (ii) three years after the date of publication of this notice. Dr. Colliver will be practicing at the Salem VA hospital as of August 1, 2023.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1: 8.01-316,
Case No. JJ019985-03-00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Baby Girl Doe v. Unknown Father
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Unknown Father, legal parent of Baby Girl Doe, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonable likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing

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contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that the t Unknown Father appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2023.
JUNE 29, 2023
Amie Blankenship, CLERK

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SEIZURE PETITION
Case No. GC23007715-00
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Montgomery County Animal Control found a Black Angus Cow with a yellow ear tag on the right ear with #41 on the tag, in the I-81 right-of-way at mile marker 127.4 in the Pedlar Road area in the Elliston Community, Montgomery County, Virginia and a

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Seizure Petition has been filed by the County of Montgomery, Virginia pursuant to Section 3.2-6569 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The Seizure Petition shall be heard by the General District Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia sitting in Christiansburg, Virginia on the 18th day of July, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

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ABC NOTICE
HAMRO KITCHEN LLC, trading as HAMRO KITCHEN LLC, 403.DRAPER RD. BLACKSBURG VA 24060.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed ON AND OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
ANUP GAUTAM, OWNER
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from

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the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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OBITUARIES

St. Clair, Ruby Emogene Paitsel

Ruby Emogene Paitsel St. Clair, 90, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023. She was ready to see her Lord and Savior and other Saints as she stepped into Heaven. The oldest of seven children, Ruby was born on April 24, 1933. She was the big sister to her siblings, helping her mother with the daily responsibilities in the household. Ruby loved people, always had a big heart for children. She loved her family dearly. Raising her children was her full-time job. She was a baby-sitter for many children in the community and loved them as if they were her own. She worked at the New Castle High School Cafeteria for many years and sought to make life better for all the students. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton E. St. Clair; her dad and mother, James E. and Alva H. Paitsel; and sister, Lucille Huffman.

Left to cherish her memories are her five children, Stanley C. St. Clair (Dawn) of Roby,



MO, C. Wesley St. Clair (Jean) of Forest, VA, Roger D. St. Clair (Shelia), of Catawba, VA, Debbie S. Thomas (James) of New Castle, VA, and Robin T. Menezes (Lucas) of New Castle, VA; fourteen grandchildren, Heather Stevens, Dale St. Clair, Justin St. Clair, Sara Loudon, Amelia Taylor, Katie St. Clair, Gregory St. Clair, Meredith Craft, Margaret Bell, Bryce St. Clair, Zachary St. Clair, Olivia Menezes, Joshua Menezes, and Maggie Thomas; twenty great-grandchildren; six siblings, Shirley Paitsel, Margaret Paitsel, Kenneth Paitsel, Harriett Medley, Oneta Paitsel,

and Diane Ray; and many dear friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Paitsel Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastors Don Brown and Dewey Weaver officiating. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park in New Castle, VA.

Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the funeral home. Ruby would remind everyone to "Turn your eyes upon Jesus". Our earthly journey is temporal. Our Heavenly Home is Forever.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The family expresses gratitude and thanks to the Snyder Nursing Home staff for their loving care of Ruby over the past few years.

Paitsel Funeral Home of New Castle, VA is serving the St. Clair family.

New Castle man dies in motorcycle crash

Aila Boyd
aboyle@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Virginia State Police announced on July 5 it is investigating a motorcycle crash, which resulted in a fatality. The crash occurred the day before at 5:46 p.m. on Route 311, one tenth of a mile north of Mountain Akers Lane in Craig County.

A 1990 Harley Davidson was traveling north on Route 311, when the motorcycle ran off the right side of the roadway and struck the guardrail, ejecting the driver. The operator of the Harley was identified as Samuel Dean Franklin, 65, of New Castle.

Franklin was wearing his safety helmet and died at the scene. Police said the crash remains under investigation.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig Co.

July 17
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

July 18
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

July 19
A CPMT meeting at CPMT - Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.

Community events: Ongoing
Every Friday, Craig County Genealogy Library is open 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. High school annuals, family histories and genealogy resources. Contact 540-864-7023.

July 18
Booster Club meeting at 6 p.m. in the Craig County Public Schools cafeteria. Back-to-school preparation will be discussed.

-The New Castle Record

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11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH
Duane Went, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.

CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST
171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.

CROSSROADS CHURCH
21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

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Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group

7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lorraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org

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159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST
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LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST
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ROCKETS PARTICIPATE IN 7-on-7 FOOTBALL

The Craig County football team competed in a 7-on-7 passing scrimmage at Fort Chiswell High School on June 29.

“It was a good day,” said Rocket coach Jim Fisher. “We got in some work and they fed us a nice lunch afterward.”

There was no hitting in the scrimmage. The Rockets are preparing

for the start of practice on July 31 and the first game is scheduled for August 25 at Bland County.

“Our defense did better than our offense but overall we didn’t better than I expected,” said Fisher of the 7-on-7. “We’re looking pretty good skill-wise, but we need some more linemen.”



Craig County and Fort Chiswell players shake hands after their 7-on-7 scrimmage.



Isaac Lucas heads up the field after a catch.



Bradyn Dunbar looks for running room after making a catch.



Carter Calfee (dark jersey) of Craig goes high for a catch.



Tyler Fitzpatrick has room to run after catching a pass.



Josh Craft defends a pass for the Rockets.

PHOTOS BY STACEY ALLEY

NAFF WILL BE SPEAKER AT S-R BASEBALL HALL OF FAME BANQUET, BELLAMY AWARD FINALS AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Abe Naff, a 1999 Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame inductee who won over 600 games at Ferrum College, will be the guest speaker for the Hall of Fame banquet on Sunday, July 23rd. The Hall of Fame has also announced the six finalists for the high school Player of the Year Ray Bellamy Award as well as the recipients of two special scholarships awarded annually by the Hall of Fame.

Naff served as baseball coach at Ferrum for 23 years, starting with the 1985 season through 2007. During that time he coached 22 players who went on to play professional baseball while running up a record of 643-236-3, a winning percentage of .731. Abe also served as the college athletic director for 15 years.

A Rocky Mount native and standout catcher at Franklin County High School, Naff went on to play college baseball at Lynchburg College, now the University of Lynchburg. He was selected to the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference team two years at catcher while helping lead the Hornets to a national ranking.

The 31st annual Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame will be held at the Salem Civic Center on July 23rd, beginning with a social hour at 5 pm and dinner is at 6 pm. The Class of '23 includes Roy Clark, Nick Jones, Randy Lawrence, Reggie Poff and Matt Trent, and Gary Oyler will receive the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Community Service Award. For information on tickets or tables contact Hall of Fame President John Montgomery at jmonty@cox.net or Gary Walthall at 540-427-1977.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame has also announced the finalists for the Ray Bellamy Award, symbolic of the high school Player of the Year in the area covered by the Hall. That area includes the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

This year’s finalists are Heath Andrews of James

River, Jesse Brown of Staunton River, Preston Crowl of Franklin County, Trey Ludy of Cave Spring, Mason Self of Christiansburg and Brekin Nace of Jefferson Forest. The winner will be announced in conjunction with a baseball doubleheader for the area’s recently graduated high school seniors at Salem Memorial Ballpark on Saturday, July 22nd. Game one of the doubleheader is scheduled for 4 pm, followed by the announcement of the Bellamy winner and the scholarship presentations. Game two will then follow.

“The Last Inning” was initiated in 2020 when the COVID pandemic cancelled the high school season. It gave the seniors a chance to get on the field, and it was such a success it was decided to make it an annual event for senior players. The doubleheader is sponsored by the Salem Red Sox and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. There is no charge for the players and the event is free to the public.

On that day two scholarships will also be awarded by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. The scholarships honor two deceased men who were charter members of the Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors as well as past inductees, Posey Oyler and Kelvin Bowles.

Oyler was the first President of the Hall of Fame and served for 17 years before passing in January of 2008. An annual scholarship in his name goes to an area player of good character, nominated by his high school coach, who plans to play college baseball. This year’s winner is Damien Boyd of Auburn High School.

Bowles was a charter member of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors who passed away in 2022 after serving for over 30 years. He owned the local Carolina League baseball team for 21 years and served as a professional scout for several big league teams. His scholarship goes to a senior who has shown a great love for the game, and this year’s winner is Preston Crowl of Franklin County High School.



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Abe Naff, middle, at his 1999 Hall of Fame induction between presenters Posey Oyler (left) and Kelvin Bowles.

The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the 2023 season and upon request.